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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Chairman Caldwell, of the North Carolina Railway Commission, has withdrawn his resignation. —— Governor Russell has granted a requisition for the return to Georgia of Mehegan and Latham, president and cashier, respectively, of the defunct bank at Abbeville, Ga. —— Senor Sagasta says the Spanish government has no intention of opening further negotiations; the *Liberal* says the government has decided to send a note to the Pope, begging him to persevere. —— Bradstreets reports a quieting for demand for staple goods; the war situation and untimely cold weather discourages new business —— The United States consul at Santiago de Cuba and a number of Americans arrived at Kingston, Jamaica; American interests at Santiago are left in charge of the British consul. —— Gen. Graham, commanding Department of the Gulf, recommends Atlanta as a point for mobilization of troops. —— Sixty-four cadets have been expelled from the South Carolina Military Academy at Charleston for rebellion. —— Gen. Lee will testify before the Senate Foreign Retions Committee Monday as to the destruction of the Maine, and will make some startling disclosures. —— A landslide in the Klondike is reported to have resulted in the death of 31 men.——N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 2@3 per cent., last loan at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 6 3-16c.; flour was inactive, but firmer; wheat spot firm; good outport trade reported; No. 2 red $1.03¼; corn—spot firm, No. 2 35½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, D. C., April 8.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 42 deg.; 8 P.M., 51 deg.; maximum, 60 deg.; minimum, 37 deg.; mean, 48 deg.

Rainfall for the day, —; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.23 inches.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Fair weather prevails to-night, except in the upper Mississippi and Ohio valleys, the upper lakes, and in Southern Florida, where it is generally cloudy. The high pressure area covers the Southeast Atlantic and Gulf States, while low areas are central respectively over the Northwest and Northeast sections. The temperature has risen rapidly in the West and Southwest and in the upper lake region; elsewhere it had risen very slowly. With the exception of light showers over the upper Mississippi valley, no precipitation is reported during the past twelve hours.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 15.3 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair and warmer; variable winds, becoming southerly.

Port Almanac---April 9.

Sun Rises	5.35 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.29 P. M.
Day's Length	12 H.53 M.
High Water at Southport	9.09 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	11.39 A. M.

Dr. Swallow, of Pennsylvania, refuses to swallow those libel charges and insists on being tried.

The Chinese have succeeded in cultivating an odorless onion. They should turn attention now to cultivating an odorless Chinaman.

England taught us the art of making Bessemer steel, but now we make about three times as much as she does, and are not bragging much about it either.

Up to Monday $34,600,000 of the $50,000,000 appropriated for war purposes had been expended. About $6,000,000 went for the purchase of cruisers, yachts, tugs, etc.

When Tom Reed was a young man he taught school, taught "the young idea how to shoot," as it were. Now he is doing his level best to prevent his boys from taking a pop at Spain.

If the battleship Texas keeps on running aground, we expect we'll have to build another ocean for her, or turn her into a ram to butt down towns that we may have a spite against.

Spain has about 19,000,000 of people, about 68 per cent. of whom can't read, and 8,000,000 of whom have no visible means of support, picking up their living by odd jobs, the best way they can.

Flour is preserved for the British navy by pressing it into blocks by hydraulic pressure. It comes out harder than a brick, and it is said, will keep for many years and be exempt from the ravages of insects.

One of Cincinnati's citizens doubtless considers himself in bad luck. He was knocked down and run over by a bicycle, and when he sued the rider for $10,000 he was knocked out by the court, which held that a bicycle is entitled to the street and that a pedestrian must keep his eyes open when he crosses and not put himself in the way of the wheel.

THE CUBAN SITUATION.

It should not be inferred because the STAR admitted yesterday that the outlook was very threatening that we have changed our opinion that there will be no war between the United States and Spain. That opinion is based on a careful study of the question, and its underlying principle is the belief that the leading actors in the spectacular drama, Prime Minister Sagasta and President McKinley (or Mark Hanna) are too anxious for peace to go to war before every means of averting it has been exhausted.

By withholding his message from Congress last Wednesday the President gave Spain five more days for reflection; and if the message, now scheduled for next Monday, is not acted on at once, if presented at all, several more days may be added. So, it is not yet settled that there will be war.

Sagasta has been led to believe by the halting policy of the President that he could get better terms than were offered, and he may be right. As soon, however, as he becomes satisfied that the United States are firm in the determination that Spanish sovereignty over Cuba must end, a cessation of hostilities on the island will be ordered and the freedom of Cuba conceded.

Referring to the excuse given by the Administration for withholding the message last Wednesday, the Philadelphia *Times* says "the explanation is absurd upon its face." It says, further:

"If General Lee counselled delay, as there seems to be no doubt that he did, it was because he had information which led him to believe that the object of the United States, which is the emancipation of Cuba, could be accomplished by peaceful means. And that is the same information that has come to Washington through other channels."

If General Lee has been ordered to leave Havana to-day, and he has not been ordered to Washington for consultation, it is a part of the programme to impress on Spain that the United States will force the issue next week, even though it lead to war. The same may be said of the withdrawal of Minister Woodford's family from Madrid. These plays and counter-plays are characteristic features of the art of diplomacy, and we may witness more of them before the present suspense is relieved.

We shall not be surprised if some startling intelligence is received from Madrid during the next forty-eight hours. It is significant that while General Lee has been recalled from Havana, Minister Woodford remains at Madrid, and that his retirement, if he retire, at all, is left entirely to his discretion.

The STAR does not believe there will be actual war.

A woman of Jeffersonville, Ind., is so anxious to be elected Mayor, that she promises to kiss every fellow who votes for her. A clear case of bribery, if she is kissable. If we were one of the bribable, we should hustle to get in our vote before the rush.

After having stripped Li Hung Chang of his peacock feathers and so many of his yellow jackets at various times, there are some people over there now demanding his head. This looks like going to extremes.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. B. Cooper—Seed peas.
I. B. Rhodes—Lamb chops.
Seacoast Road—Extra train.
Palace Bakery—Fancy cake.
Star Office—Printer wanted.
R. R. Stone & Co.—Meat, lard.
Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Sale—Gentle mule.
Meeting—Members First Baptist Ch.

Cannon Balls Exhumed.

Mr. Henry E. Bonitz brought to the city yesterday an interesting relic of the late war. It is a cannon ball, which, together with several others, was dug up at Carolina Beach yesterday while excavating for the Sedgely Hall club house foundation. They had been buried there ever since 1863, when the blockade runner *Beauregard* was fired upon by Federal warships and forced to run aground on the beach.

Cheap Advertising.

If you wish to advertise at the lowest rates try the department in the STAR, on fourth page, headed "Business Locals." Situations or help wanted, srticles lost or found, rooms or houses wanted or to rent, business opportunities, and many other short miscellaneous advertisements are taken for that department at one cent per word for each insertion. But no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents for each insertion.

Swinson-Timberlake.

The marriage of Mr. J. D. Swinson, a popular young gentleman of Warsaw, to Miss Myrtle Timberlake, of Louisburg, was celebrated at the bride's home on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Rev. Forrest Smith officiating. Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Swinson received their friends at their home in Warsaw.

LOCAL DOTS.

— There will be a special meeting of St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M., to-night, for work in the third degree.

— Justice J. M. McGowan yesterday dismissed a case of larceny against W. H. Hansley. He was charged with stealing wood.

— Strawberries were sold yesterday in New York for Mr. W. A. Riach, at 35 cents per quart. They were sold by Messrs. J. and G. Lippman.

— The Philadelphia *Record*, a thoroughly reliable paper, says: "If troops have to go to Cuba it has been determined to send the colored troops first, as being in less danger from the climate."

— The regular services at the Seamen's Bethel will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. B. Oliver. Seamen and river men are especially invited. All welcome.

— There will be, by order of the deacons, a meeting of the members of the First Baptist Church to-morrow morning at the close of the regular services. It is hoped that every member will attend.

— The Republican executive committee of this Congressional district will meet at Maxton next Tuesday. The Democratic executive committee of the Sixth judicial district will meet at Kinston the same day.

— Bishop Watson was at St. Paul's Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon at the 5 o'clock service and confirmed a class of four. He was to have performed this ceremony at the morning service, but had it postponed until evening.

— The picnic advertised for old Brunswick on Easter Monday has been unavoidably postponed because the repairs on the steamer *Wilmington* will not be completed in time. Notice of the date for it will be published in this paper to-morrow.

— Yesterday was one of the quietest days experienced here in some time, the reason being that it was Good Friday. The banks, Produce Exchange, and several business houses were closed, and there was considerable less talk over the war prospects than usual.

— Rev. A. D. McClure has returned from Presbytery, and will preach in his own church to-morrow morning and night. He desires a full attendance of his people at both services. The night service will begin at 8 o'clock. The Y. P. C. E. prayer meeting will be held at 7:15 o'clock.

— The funeral of the late Christopher M. D. Humphrey, who died early Thursday morning, was conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Immanuel Presbyterian Church by the pastor, Rev. P. C. Morton. The interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

— The Chemical National Bank of New York has notified those of its employes who may enter the army, in case of war, that they will be restored to the positions they now hold in the bank immediately on their discharge from service. This is generous and patriotic.

— Mr. I. B. Rhodes, the well known fresh meat dealer, has an attractive ad. in the STAR this morning, calling attention to lamb chops and other choice Easter meats. The ad. states truthfully that orders left at Mr. Rhodes' market are always promptly filled and delivered.

— A gentleman, who has lately inspected the berry crop along the W. and W. Railroad, in commenting upon the effects of the frost, says it would take four weeks of Klondike weather to reach the berries through the liberal coating of pine straw with which they have been treated

— Decision was reserved yesterday by Justice McGowan as to Messrs. John Tolar and John Tilley, in the case for the fatal fast driving of Mr. S. P. Cowan's horse last Sunday. Mr. J. P. Garrell, implicated in the same case, was discharged. Noon to-day is the time set for rendering the decision in the other two cases.

— Reference was made in yesterday's STAR to the theft and recovery of Mr. George Hewlett's bicycle on Wednesday night, and the fact that the bell and lamp had not been recovered. Yesterday he found a little colored boy on Tenth street playing with the bell, and another colored boy sold the lantern for 15 cents to Chief Chas. Schnibben's driver. So that Mr. Hewlett now has the wheel intact.

Telephone Line to Carolina Beach.

Mr. T. F. Simmons, superintendent of the Interstate Telephone Company, returned yesterday from Carolina Beach, where he went to look after the work of erecting the line from here to the beach. He says the poles will all be up by Wednesday next, and that the beach residents can be called up over the 'phone by May 1st.

Mr. Simmons has lately returned from a trip to Castle Hayne and Rocky Point in the interest of the line from here to Goldsboro. He secured a number of subscribers, and believes that the line will soon be in working order. Goldsboro and Raleigh have already been connected by an interstate wire.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

A SKIRMISH DRILL.

The Wilmington Light Infantry Make the Welkin Ring at Rhodes' Green.

ARE READY FOR SERVICE.

The Boys Acquitted Themselves Well—Many Interested Spectators Were Present—Other Drills in the Near Future.

The Wilmington Light Infantry held quite a satisfactory skirmish drill last night on the Rhodes' green, east of the city. About forty members of the company participated. They were under command of Capt. MacRae.

A number of people went out from the city to witness the drill and all speak in the highest terms of the manner in which the boys acquitted themselves. It was past 11 o'clock when they returned to the armory.

The company marched out to the Rhodes place, but sent back to town for conveyances for the return trip. A cooler of ice water was carried to them when the wagons went out.

The next drill by the W. L. I. will be on Tuesday night. No date is fixed for another skirmish drill, but it is expected that these drills will be held at least for a season, at frequent intervals.

CITY HOSPITAL REPORT.

It was Submitted to the Board Yesterday Interesting Facts About The Institution.

The City Hospital Board was in session yesterday afternoon and approved bills to the sum of $487,43. Toward the paying of this amount the city will provide $83.33 and the county $237,30. The remainder, $166,80 represents the amount paid into the hospital fund by pay patients.

During the past month there were thirteen pay patients and twenty-six charity patients. Of the pay patients nine were received during March and five are still under treatment. Nine of the charity patients were from the county and seventeen from the city. Twelve of them were discharged during March. Eleven are still under treatment in the charity wards and five in the pay department.

Patients treated at the hospital other than those from the city and county are one each from Whiteville, Atkinson, Hub and Kerr. All these paid for treatment. During the month there were three deaths.

A MIXED NARRATIVE.

In Which a Slick Theft is Followed by a Runaway.

Mr. Sol. Sternberger and one of his clerks, Mr. J. B. King, were out last night doing a little detective work. They were trying to locate the whereabouts of a slick thief who had removed from Sternberger Bros'. store a ham and other provisions. About ten o'clock they drove back to the store near the corner of Front and Mulberry streets and hitching the horse to a post in front went inside. The horse got tired of standing, got the bits out of his mouth in some way and ran away. He first made for Chesnut street and went up as far as Third when he turned to the right looking for easier pulling. When he got to Market he turned again and was so well pleased at the advantages which that thoroughfare furnishes runaway horses that he did not leave it until he reached Seventh. He followed this street until he collided with the awning poles in front of Mr. E. H. Batson's store, corner of Front and Orange streets. He left the road cart to which he was attached at Mr. Batson's corner in a very dilapidated condition—shafts broken, singletree smashed, etc. Then he wandered around a good deal, finally coming back to his stable. The cushion and parts of the harness were lost. The owners will be glad to know if anybody has found the lost articles.

A Gilded Fool.

Mr. I. L. Hirsh, advance representative for the eminent American comedian, Nat. C. Goodwin, is in the city completing the arrangements for Mr. Goodwin's engagement at the Opera House on the evening of the 14th. The bill for the Wilmington date will be "A Gilded Fool," which is thought by the majority of dramatic critics to be Mr. Goodwin's best role. The fact of Mr. Goodwin's coming just after Easter will, no doubt, pack our Opera House to its utmost capacity, as his appearance is treated as a rare society event the country over.

Notified to Hold Himself in Readiness.

Captain E. W. Manning, who holds a commission as Major and Assistant Quartermaster General, bearing the date of March 8, 1893, and who entertained some doubt as to whether the commission was still in force, has received information from Col. E. G. Harrell, Quartermaster General, ordering him to hold himself in readiness. Capt. Manning was re-appointed by Gov. Russell with the rest of Col. Harrell's staff.

Fort Caswell.

Ten more car loads of rock arrived yesterday by the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad from the Mount Airy Granite Company, for transportationto Fort Caswell. Twelve or fifteencases of cartridges came in Thursdayover the same line for use of Battery I, U. S. Artillery.

A WELCOME VISITOR.

U. S. Revenue Cutter Forward from Tampa, Fla., En Route to Baltimore, for Repairs.

The United States revenue cutter *Forward* arrived here yesterday at 5.30 o'clock for coal. She is on her way from Tampa, Fla., where she has been stationed, to Baltimore, where she will get new engines and boilers and undergo extensive repairs. She is in command of Capt. H. B. Rogers who visits Wilmington for the first time. First Lieutenant and Executive Officer J. C. Moore, however, is very well known here, having been detached only a short while ago from the *Lot M. Morrill*. The *Forward* carries five officers besides Capt. Rogers and Lieutenant Moore, and the crew numbers thirty-two. She looks a good deal larger than the *Morrill*, but her tonnage is no greater, the difference being in the style of the vessel. The *Forward* was built long before the *Morrill* and does not possess all the latest improvements as she will when she is turned out from the Baltimore navy yard.

Capt. Rogers was anxious to get the news about the Spanish-American situation, as he had seen no paper since leaving Tybee on the sixth of the month. Before he had been informed of the changes for the worse in the situation, he said that he did not believe there would be war.

The *Forward* will leave on her way to Baltimore after coaling up. She will probably go out this afternoon or to-morrow morning.

Frost Damage.

Additional reports received yesterday were to the effect that beans were almost entirely destroyed; English peas and Irish potatoes hurt some, while strawberries escaped unharmed. Mr. F. J. Dempsey, of Acorn Branch; Mr. T. J. Capps, of Stump Sound, and other fruit and truck growers, were here yesterday and brought news as indicated above. Mr. Capps said that the peach crop will be materially cut off on account of the cold snap. There was another frost yesterday morning, though the temperature did not get quite so low.

A killing frost has been experienced in all of the Southern States this week. A dispatch from Chattanooga states that the damage sustained was very serious. In many sections of Tennessee, Northern Alabama and Northern Georgia the peach crop was entirely killed and the berry crop cut in half, while early vegetables were killed outright. In and around Charleston the results were less serious. Nearly every part of Georgia was touched and vegetables killed, with some damage to fruit.

Closed Its Session.

The STAR had the pleasure of a visit yesterday from Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff and Elder J. F. Dunn, of Whiteville, who were returning home from Burgaw, where they have been for the last day or two attending the Wilmington Presbytery.

The Presbytery closed a very successful session with interesting proceedings and addresses Thursday night. Rev. A. D. McClure, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, preached an able sermon, which was followed by the ordination and installation of Rev. John Stanly Thomas. The evening's exercises were closed with an address by Dr. R. W. Boyd, Superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Barium Springs, N. C. The next session of the Wilmington Presbytery will convene with the Chinquapin Church in the first week of October.

Lecture Committee's Good Work.

A letter was issued to the members of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday by Secretary Diggs in which it was urged that all members attend the coming X-ray lecture by Prof. Smith and begging that they if possible buy an extra ticket for a friend as the entertainment committee find themselves somewhat in debt. The letter was signed by Mr. Charles M. Whitlock as chairman of the Lecture committee. During the present season the committee has provided the Y. M. C. A. membership free of extra cost six star course entertainments besides lectures and entertainments by Prof. Holmes, of the University, Bob Burdett, and then there is the X-ray lecture by Prof. Smith on the 12th and an entertainment on the 22nd by Dr. A. A. Willits.

To Drill in Signalling.

Commander Geo. L. Morton has issued orders to all the divisions of Naval Reserves, except the one in Wilmington, to drill twice a week in signalling. The Wilmington Division is already pretty well up in this branch of the service. Reports in the newspapers at the different places where the divisions are located show that the men are practicing signalling with great enthusiasm and success.

Mr. Henry Canady, of Jacksonville, writes the Battalion Commander that a division, and a big one, could be formed in that town on short notice. Mr. Canady knows of seventy men who would enlist. They would be serviceable fellows, as all of them have good training in boating.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Steamer W. T. Daggett—1 cask spirits turpentine, 8 bbls rosin, 7 bbls tar.

Schooner Maggie C.—150 bbls rosin.

C. Larkins' flat—10 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 23 bbls tar.

Barnhill's raft—414 bbls rosin.

Total—Cotton, 10 bales; spirits turpentine, 2 casks; rosin, 572 bbls; tar, 30 bbls.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. E. Johnson, of Fair Bluff, is in the city.

— Mr. Thos. A. Davis, of Wilson, was here yesterday.

— Mr. G. J. Cherry, of Parmele, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. D. G. Strickler, of Luray, was at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. J. W. Sedley, of Sloop Point, spent last night in the city.

— Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers, of Charleston, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. C. C. Sparrow, of Newbern, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. N. Bennett, of Brunswick county, was a STAR visitor yesterday.

— Miss Annie Lee will leave this morning for Winston, to visit Miss Lilla Young.

— Mr. Charles Wood and wife of Englewood, N. J., are registered at The Orton.

— Mr. A. J. Johnson, a prominent citizen of Clear Run, N. C., was a welcome caller at this office yesterday.

— Mrs. Robert Faucette and her daughter, Miss Mattie Faucette, of Lumberton, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sanders, 411 North Third street.

— Mr. Sam'l A. Townsend. of the firm of Townsend & Mills, commission merchants of Philadelphia, was among yesterday's hotel registrations.

A BOLD THIEF.

Broke a Show Window on North Front Street, Stole a Guitar and Escaped With His Plunder.

About one o'clock this morning some miscreant broke the glass in one of the show windows of Mr. A. E. ReVille's music house, No. 313 North Front street, snatched a guitar and escaped.

Mr. ReVille and family live in the rear of the store and heard the crash of the breaking glass. He thought it was a cat in the front of the store and did not investigate as quickly as he would otherwise have done. When he reached the door he saw the negro making off down street with the guitar as fast as he could run. An investigation showed that almost the entire glass had been knocked out.

The matter was reported to Police Sergeant Hewlett, who detailed an officer to do what he could toward the capture of the negro. Up to a late hour this morning no trace of him had been discovered and there is no clue to his identity.

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Important Meeting Last Night—Dates For Primaries and County Convention.

A meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee was held last night at the office of W. B. McKoy, Esq. The chairman, Mr. H. McL. Green, and the secretary, Mr. B. F. King, were present. The other members present were Messrs. G. W. Bornemann, J. C. Munds, W. B. McKoy, F. T. Skipper, J. H. Beery, J. W. Branch and E. F. Johnson. The main business before the committee was to decide on a date for the primaries. After discussion, the twenty-seventh of the present month was selected as the date for the primary elections. The call will be made publicly, and, according to the plan of organization, next week. It was further decided to hold the County Convention on Saturday, the thirteenth.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. L. T. Smith was before Justice G. W. Bornemann yesterday on the charge of selling beer on Sunday. The warrant was sworn out against him by Caroline Davis, colored. 'Squire Bornemann found the defendant not guilty and dismissed the case at the cost of the plaintiff.

Ninth and Orange Junction.

The street cars had trouble last night in passing the junction at Ninth and Orange streets. Something was to pay with the track. Some of the cars passed without trouble while others could not be gotten by without being derailed. The trouble will be remedied at once.

THE NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Railway Commissioner Caldwell Withdraws His Resignation—Mehegan and Latham Re-arrested.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 8th.—Mehegan and Latham, president and cashier respectively of the defunct bank of Abbeville, Ga., will be re-arrested in Tarboro in the morning by two Georgia deputies. The Governor has granted a requisition for their return to that State.

Chairman Caldwell on Monday last, wrote the Governor, withdrawing his tender of resignation as railway commissioner. The Governor summoned him here to-day. He asked Caldwell to reduce the passenger rate on the North Carolina road, so as to make a test case or resign. Caldwell declined. He told the Governor to make complaint before the commission that the present passenger rates were unreasonable and unjust, and he would then sit as judge. The Governor will submit the complaint. Had Caldwell not withdrawn his resignation, the Governor would have appointed John A. Simms to succeed him.

Church Notices.

First Presbyterian Church. Divine service at 11 a. m., conducted by Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D. No services at night. Sunday School at 4.00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday at 8 p. m. Seats free.

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. A. F. Tyer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 8.00 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. in the lecture room. Weekly Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Services at Fifth Street Methodist Church tomorrow as follows: At 11 A. M. Easter Missionary exercises by the children of the Bright Jewel Band; at 7.45 P. M. preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Cuningim. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, Pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 10 a. m. Senior Y. P. S. C. E. 6.45 p. m. Sabbath School at 3.30 p. m. Prayer and Praise Wednesday at 8 p. m. All welcome. Seats free.

First Baptist Church, corner Market and Fifth streets, Rev. W. B. Oliver, pastor. Services to-morrow 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School 3.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m. Strangers and visitors cordially invited to all services.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. W. Kramer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.00 p. m. Weekly Prayer and Praise meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Bladen Street Methodist E. Church, Southwest corner of Bladen and Fifth streets, Rev. G. D. Langston, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.30 a. m. Class meeting 3 o'clock p. m. Weekly Prayer meeting and lecture Thursday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to these services.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. C. Morton, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7.15 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Christian Endeavor Society every Wednesday night. Sewing School Tuesday and Saturday at 3.30 to 4.00 p. m.

South Side Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. F. H. Farrington, Pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30 p. m. Weekly Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7.30.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpareil Type, on first or fourth page, at Publisher's option, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

There Will be, by order of the Deacons, a meeting of the members of the First Baptist Church Sunday morning after services. ap 9 1t

For Sale—One large brown Mule, gentle and of desirable pedigree. Well broke to harness. Can be used for dray, buggy or ploughing purposes. Persons desiring to purchase can buy cheap for cash or on time. For further information apply to F. G. Punke, No. 134 southwest corner Market and Second streets, Wilmington, N. C. April 7th, 1898. as we ap 9 3t

Position Wanted by a competent man as Bookkeeper, three years experience. Good references. Address J. P., care STAR. ap 8 1w*

For Sale—A first-class retail Liquor Business. The reason for selling bad health. Address L. West, care STAR. ap 8 tf

M. C. Benson, 106 Dock street, solicits consignments of Chickens, Eggs, Hides, Wax, N. C. Bacon and all classes of produce. Beef Cattle and Milch Cows a specialty. April 2, '98. apr 3 tf

Court of Inquiry has just decided that the new Country Produce store opened by H. J. Bierman at 215 Market street, is the neatest store of this kind in the city and a most reliable place to trade. At Hiram Moore's old stand, just across from Jones' livery stables. mar 24 tf

Just Received—Choice Bananas, 15 and 20c per dozen; Florida and Seedless Oranges, 20 and 25c; California Navels, 20 and 40c; Jamaica, 40 and 50c. Confectioneries equally low. N. Paul, 204 Princess street. mar 22 tf

Hot Lunch Free every day from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M. and Saturday night. Roast Beef, Sour Kraut, Frankfurter and other delicacies at the Globe Saloon, 22 Market street. mar 5 1m

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 9

THE GAME THEY ARE PLAYING.

We would not assert that President McKinley and his counsellors are actuated solely by political considerations in their dealing with the Cuban question, but we have no more doubt that they are largely influenced by political considerations than we have that there is such an island as Cuba. We have had virtual admissions of this from men who stand close enough to Mr. McKinley to be looked upon as his spokesmen.

Charles H. Grosvenor is one of these. In one of his speeches in Congress recently he asked if it was to be supposed that the men who are leading the Republican party and are responsible for it are not aware of the advantage to be gained, and the glory to come from the successful settlement of that question? If they were supposed not to be fully aware that the fate of the party and its future are dependent upon that? They have no idea of letting the Democrats appropriate the glory and reap the fruits of being the only friends of Cuba, or of being the chief promoters of the movement for her release from Spanish rule; on the contrary it is not at all improbable that if the Democrats in Congress had attempted to put obstacles in the way of the Administration to prevent it from taking any action in that direction, it would have shown more interest and taken more action and not waited as it did until driven into activity by the impatient demands of the people, made more imperative as indignation grew after the disaster to the Maine. Then the gentlemen who lead the Republican party, and the administration at Washington, realized the necessity of doing something in response to this popular demand, and to placate the sovereign people, before demand was followed by denunciation.

But the men who lead the Republican party, and the Administration, never had their hearts in it and have moved only as circumstances and a prudent forecast of the future forced them to. As far as the demands on Spain are concerned, they might six months ago have made every one that has been made and with as much justification as they have now. There is no new element in the controversy, no change in the conditions, no provocation to intervene that did not exist as a justification six months ago as much as now. The only additional cause for strained relations between this country and the oppressor of Cuba, is the destruction of the Maine with the awful loss of life accompanying it, but that is eliminated and does not figure in any of the demands made upon Spain.

What these demands are is not definitely known, for the diplomatic game has been played under cover, and the public knows only so much as the players deign to make known. We have had numerous reports as the game progressed from which we can gather the one probable fact that Spain has been given to understand that the war in Cuba must cease, without a time being designated as to when. This is what the armed intervention which we are told Mr. McKinley will recommend means.

Then what, it may be asked, does armed intervention mean? Is it to apply only to Spain, or to the insurgents likewise and both be given to understand that they must stack their arms until further orders, till they get the permission of this Government to pepper away at each other again? If it is to be armed intervention against Spain only, that means that we are to send ships and soldiers to drive the Spaniards off the island, and if so why not acknowledge the independence of Cuba at the same time? Or does it mean that having driven the Spaniards off the island we will have a sort of squatter sovereignty claim, established by our shotguns, and that the insurgents will have to consult us as to their future proceedings and the way they propose to conduct the business of the island? All this has been hinted at as the probable outcome of the kind of intervention proposed.

We have our doubts whether such forcible proceedings are really contemplated, and that the Administration would not much prefer an armistice if the Cubans could be persuaded to agree to that, which they might be if they were assured that the end would be independence for Cuba. If the armistice business could be accomplished on this basis it would play right into the hands of the Republican leaders, for then they could let the matter rest, referring to it only enough to make the people believe they had not lost sight of Cuba, until just before the next Fall elections, when the armistice would expire and they would step to the front, raise their voice for Cuba again, pronounce the efforts at a satisfactory adjustment a failure, and declare for independence.

Mr. McKinley is playing for something like this with his endeavors to get Congress to pass a resolution investing him with the power to take such steps as he may deem necessary to end the war and bring peace to Cuba. If invested with such power of course he would take his own time to carry out his programme, and he wouldn't hurry proceedings any faster than was necessary. Next Summer would find the Cuban question still unsettled even with a declaration for armed intervention, with the President to inaugurate the intervention. If the leaders of the Republican party do not work it that way it will be because they can't.

MINOR MENTION.

The complications with Spain have furnished some interesting object lessons for the American Government and the American people to study. One of these illustrates the folly in the neglect to fortify in time of peace against the emergencies of war and to avail ourselves of such strategic points as would give us commanding positions in case of necessity. The fact that one of our warships, the Oregon, which was ordered from the Pacific to join the Atlantic squadron, has to make a journey of 14,000 miles to do it, emphasizes the value that a canal through the isthmus would be in case of war. Speaking of this, Mr. T. R. Jernigan, ex-U. S. Consul at Shanghai, China, who has been writing some interesting letters for the New York *Commercial* on our trade with China, concludes his last letter thus:

"To have grasped the situation in China, and utilized it by an energetic foreign policy, would have proven of the greatest value to our countrymen. The possession of Gibraltar by Great Britain enabled her to look at once upon the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, and to exert a decided influence on the trade route to the Levant and by the Isthmus of Suez; it resulted in converting the Mediterranean Sea into a British lake, and has given Great Britain the preponderating influence in the commerce of that part of the world.

"The cutting of the Central American Canal would soon make the Caribbean Sea bear a marked analogy to the present status of the Mediterranean; it would change it from a place of local traffic to one of the great highways of the world, and along the path of which a great commerce would travel, bringing new and valuable interests nearer our shores. The geographical position of the United States makes their duty imperative in the strategic movement of the nations for commercial superiority; we must move or soon form the rear guard to the army of commercial progress. To surrender the advantages of geographical position, the influences which are the logic of such a position, and to neglect to avail ourselves of opportunities which our strength and wealth and our interest demand we should command, is simply to exclude ourselves and bury our talent."

This refers to the importance of the Canal from a commercial standpoint, but it is of equal if not greater importance from a military standpoint, for now our warships have to travel half-way around the globe to support each other in case of need.

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Notwithstanding the apparent failure of the negotiations with Spain, the Spanish Ministry have a getting out place yet. In his reply to the representatives of the six European Governments who called on him Thursday and presented their joint note, the President said: "The Government of the United States shares the hope that the outcome of the situation in Cuba may be the maintenance of peace between the United States and Spain, by affording the necessary guarantee for the re-establishment of order in the island, to terminate the chronic condition of disturbance there, which so deeply injures the interests and menaces the tranquility of the American nation by the character and consequences of the struggle thus kept up at our doors, besides shocking its sentiment of humanity." What does Mr. McKinley mean by the expression "the necessary guarantee for the re-establishment of order on the island?" He doesn't mean the recognition of Cuban independence, for we are told that he does not favor this at this time. He does not mean armed intervention, for if this guarantee be given then there would be no necessity for armed intervention. What the character of this guarantee is we do not know, for we do not definitely know what this Government has demanded, but the Spanish Ministry may yet conclude that discretion will be the better part of valor, and that reason will be a better counsellor than the hot spirits of Madrid and the "guarantee" be given, for this would not necessarily imply the loss of Spain's sovereignty over Cuba at this time.

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Politics started the Russell-Butler railroad war, and it is more than likely that politics had a good deal to do with its play out. The combine did not meet with the enthusiastic response they hoped for and anticipated, and after performing until they had made themselves ridiculous they discharged the band, pulled down their colors and capitulated. The following from the Winston *Republican*, the leading one of the few Republican papers of the State, may throw some light on the capitulation:

"The manly action of Chairman Caldwell, of the Railroad Commission, who last week voted to rescind a former order of that board, reducing passenger fares on our railroads to 2 and 2½ cents per mile, deserves the hearty approval of every loyal son of North Carolina.

"The development of our State without the active co-operation of our railroads would be a hopeless undertaking; and the senseless warfare waged against them by political tricksters and scheming politicians is utterly inexcusable.

"The man who would argue that a liveryman should not be allowed to charge more than $1.00 per day for a team and driver; that the farmer should not have more than 75 cents for a day's hauling with a two horse wagon; that the man who swings the cradle from sunup to sundown in the harvest time should only receive 50 cents per day, would be set down as a confirmed crank, and yet there would be just as much equity and justice in his claim as in the warfare waged against the railroads."

BOOK NOTICES.

The Democratic Magazine for April presents a list of solid articles on the political and economic topics of the day, interestingly and forcibly presented. Published by W. S. McComas, 411 Ashland Block, Chicago, Ill.

The April number of *The Sanitarian* contains a number of articles of interest to the santarian and physician, the leading one being on the proper disposition of sewage. Address A. N. Bell, A. D., Editor, 337 Clinton Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

In addition to an interesting presentation of political topics ably discussed, *The New Time* for April gives pictures of a number of the men prominent in the movement to redeem the people from the yoke of the Shylocks. Published by The New Time Company, 56 Fifth avenue, Chicago, Ill.

TWINKLINGS.

— First Blind Man—"Say, old man, have an eye-opener with me." Second Blind Man—"Thanks! Here's looking at you!"

— He—"That most be a very interesting book you are reading." She "Oh, it's awfully exciting! The heroine changes her gown six times in the first chapter."

— "Tommy," said his gentle-faced grandmother, "you're a regular little glutton. How can you eat so much?" "Don't know; guess it's just good luck."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— Wee Miss—"Mamma, mayn't I take the part of a milkmaid at the fancy ball?" Mamma—"You are too little." Wee Miss—"Well, I can be a condensed milkmaid."—*Tit-Bits.*

— Doubting Woman—"Really, now, are these eggs fresh?" Grocer—"Madam, if you will kindly step to the telephone and call up our farm, you can hear the hens that laid those eggs still cackling."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

— "Mammy, let me have some water to chwisten my dolly wiv." "No, darling; it's wrong to make fun of holy things." "Well, let's vaccinate her. I'm sure she's old enough to have someting done to her."—*Punch.*

— "For my part I can't see why people refer to money as 'dough.' The fellow who invented that bit of slang must have been a fool." "Why?" "If you have ever handled dough you must know that it sticks to the hands."

— "Say," said the man who has to board. "I've struck the ideal place at last." "What is the advantage?" asked the man who was married. "The neatness of the place. The landlady keeps all the left over crusts separate and labeled, so that each man gets his own bread back in the bread pudding."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

Suffered 20 Years.

MRS. MARY LEWIS, wife of a prominent farmer, and well known by all old residents near Belmont, N. Y., writes: "For twenty-seven years I had been a constant sufferer from nervous prostration, and paid large sums of money for doctors and advertised remedies without benefit. Three years ago my condition was alarming; the least noise would startle and unnerve me. I was unable to sleep, had a number of sinking spells and slowly grew worse. I began using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Nerve and Liver Pills. At first the medicine seemed to have no effect, but after taking a few bottles I began to notice a change; I rested better at night, my appetite began to improve and I rapidly grew better, until now I am as nearly restored to health as one of my age may expect. God bless Dr. Miles' Nervine."

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Durham *Sun:* Mr. Lawrence J. Haughton, one of the oldest and most influential citizens of Chatham county, died at his home in Pittsboro Monday in his 75th year. He suffered a stroke of paralysis two weeks ago and has been gradually sinking since that time.

— Greensboro *Telegram:* It is thought now that there is no doubt about the fruit crop being killed. Several light frosts and two regular old winter time freezes have undoubtedly done the work for it. The fruit crop is an important one in this part of the State.

— Carthage *Blade:* Bryan Tyson, of Long Leaf, N. C., has recently struck a rich deposit of gold near the above named place in the northern part of this county on what is known as the Blue tract of land, and the quantity of ore appears to be sufficient to indicate a valuable mine.

— Raleigh *News and Observer:* The convicts at the penitentiary are rapidly learning how to make shirts. There are sixty men and women at work in the factory, and yesterday they turned out twenty dozen shirts. This number will be gradually increased as the hands become more skilled and expert. The penitentiary receives 24 cents a dozen for making the shirts.

— Wilkesboro *Chronicle:* It is reported that some parties recently from Tennessee have introduced a wonderful table in the Miller's Creek neighborhood. This table has three legs only, which are placed in basins. You place your hands on the table, petition it entreatingly and it will tell you all your past and the mysteries of the future. If you don't want the past, by special entreaty you get the future only—most of them adopt this plan. This is reported by one of the best men in the township.

— Charlotte *Observer:* Dr. E. O. Elliott, of the Sparkling Catawba Springs, wrote the *Observer* yesterday that the thermometer was down to 28 degrees yesterday morning at his place; that there was ice half an inch thick; that the peaches were all killed and his pear tree—over 700—which were in full bloom several days ago, making "the most beautiful natural sight" he ever saw, ruined. "We cannot estimate the loss to our taste, sight and pockets," says the doctor.

— Wilson *Advance:* The sales of leaf tobacco for the season of '97-98, up to April 1st have amounted to 8,194,981 pounds. The total sales for the season of '96-97 were 10,171,439 pounds. — The preliminary trial of Willie Bridgers for the killing of Jason Pitt, colored, was held on Monday morning last. After hearing the evidence the magistrate decided to bind Bridgers over to court. He was required to give bond in the sum of $1,000 for appearance. The bond was soon arranged and Bridgers released.

It is economy to profit by the experience of others. Thousands have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, why not you?

CURRENT COMMENT.

— In spite of the fact that if we have a war with Spain the and bloodiest fighting will be on sea, it seems that the officers and men of our navy are eager for such a fray. The Spirit of the sailors on our warships was shown the other day when every one of the men on the gunboat Machias immediately reinlisted at the expiration of their time of service. The same enthusiam exists aboard the other war ships and it is quite evident that in the event of hostilities our Jack tars will give a good account of themselves.—*New Orleans States, Dem.*

— "I wish to impress on you," said Lord Herschell in a public speech the other day, "that however much you may desire to benefit your neighbor, you must not benefit him by taking money out of the pocket of another neighbor. The predatory principle is a breach of the eighth commandment." Which leads the Albany, N. Y., *Argus* to suggest very pertinently that if his lordship doesn't watch out he is "going to get himself very much disliked" by Mr. Nelson Dingley and other predatory persons of his party and principles."—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

— The history of Africa is repeating itself in China. The English papers have already fitted the diplomatic slang of the former to the conditions of the latter. The London *Times* talks glibly about the "hinterland of Wei-Hai-Wei," as being within "Germany's sphere," and the *Daily Chronicle* admits that "the partition of China has actively begun." The same paper looks upon the fact as an admission of the failure of British aims. The tendency of events in that quarter of the world is toward the partition of China, and at the rate they have progressed for the past few weeks it is extremely doubtful whether China, as an empire, will even see the beginning of the twentieth century. If it should it will only be because the mutual jealousy of the Powers will prevent their carrying on the work of partition as rapidly as they wish.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

Useless to Wait.

Since the fact has been published that bundles left in trains are often picked up by dishonest passengers who make a practice of being among the last to leave the car some disagreeable complications have arisen.

Two passengers sat facing each other as the train rolled into the station.

The aisle was full of suburbanites crowding toward the doors, but these two kept their seats. They were not in a hurry. Finally one of them spoke.

"It won't do you any good to wait, mister," she said. "I'm not goin to furget this umbrell' and walk out and leave it. I'm a little lame. That's why I don't crowd out with the rest of 'em."

With the look of an injured man the other passenger got up and made his way as rapidly as possible to the rear door.—Chicago Tribune.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store.

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SCOTT AND TOOMBS.

How the General Took the Fiery Captain's Startling Announcement.

When General Robert Toombs of Georgia was a young man in his twenties, he raised a volunteer company and joined General Scott, who was then conducting a campaign against the Indians in Florida. Even in his early youth Toombs was noted for his self confidence and his aggressive bearing. He was without military training, and had never submitted to rules and discipline, at college or anywhere else. Naturally, when he met General Scott it was a case of oil and water—they would not mix.

The general knew the character of his red enemies, and he was in no hurry to attack them in the positions which they had chosen. He waited day after day, determined not to move forward until he was satisfied that he would be successful without the sacrifice of many valuable lives. This delay did not suit the Georgia captain. He fretted, fumed and swore at the slow methods of his commander.

One night Toombs felt that he could stand it no longer. Going to the general's tent, he found Scott engaged in a pleasant conversation with a dozen officers of high rank. General Scott greeted him pleasantly, and invited him to join the circle of military men who were telling stories of camp life.

"General Scott," said Toombs in a stern tone, "I desire to know, sir, whether the army will march against the enemy within the next few days."

"I am not ready yet to answer that question," replied the general, with a smile.

"Then, sir," continued the youthful captain, "I will notify you that unless the army marches tomorrow I propose to go forward with my company into the very heart of the Indian territory."

When this astounding declaration was made, the officers expected the general to administer a withering rebuke. To their astonishment Scott never changed his genial expression. His eyes twinkled with good humor, and he turned a serene and benignant face upon his audacious visitor.

"Very well, captain," was his quiet answer in a soothing tone, "use your own pleasure, by all means. Take your company tomorrow and march into the Indian country. We may follow you a few weeks later, but don't wait for us. Take your company and go ahead. Good night, captain!"

When Toombs heard this, a look of bewilderment came over his face, but not a word fell from his lips. He saluted the commander and bowed himself out.

"Did he march his company against the enemy the next day?" was my natural question.

"No. He said nothing more about it. He remained at his post and was an exemplary officer during the remainder of the war. And he was not chaffed about the affair either. He was not the man to stand such treatment."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Booth's Pointer.

The Chicago Times-Herald tells a story of the late Edwin Booth. A reporter who was sent to talk with him prepared an elaborate speech of greeting to the great actor when he should meet him. As he entered Booth's apartments the tragedian came forward, shook hands with him warmly and asked him to be seated. An awkward pause followed. At length the reporter began his little speech, ending with the statement that this was the proudest moment of his life. Mr. Booth preserved an unbroken silence. Apparently he was revolving in his mind what his caller had said. Two minutes later he slowly remarked, "Has it struck you, sir, that in that State street murder this morning the finding of a button in the dead man's hand may prove a clew to the guilty party?" The interviewer stammered out a negative reply. "Well, you go right back to your city editor," continued Booth, "and give him that pointer. Will you?"

Approval of Chess.

It is a singular fact that, while all other games of chance or skill have at one time or another been denounced by the clergy of every faith, chess alone has received their approbation, and among the best players of every land have been clergymen—priests and bishops.

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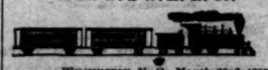

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 23rd, 1898.

The Board of Directors of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company have declared three and one half per cent interest on the certificates of Ind-btedness of that Company, due and payable on and after April 1st, 1898, to all holders of record of this date.

The transfer books will stand closed from March 23rd, to March 31st, 1898, inclusive.

JAMES F. POST, Jr.,
m 24 6t Treasurer W. & W. R. R. Co.

Spring

Is the season for new life in nature, new vigor in our physical systems. As the fresh sap carries life into the trees, so our blood should give us renewed strength and vigor. In its impure state it cannot do this, and the aid of Hood's Sarsaparilla is imperatively needed. It will purify, vitalize and enrich the blood, and with this solid, correct foundation, it will build up good health, create a good appetite, tone your stomach and digestive organs, strengthen your nerves and overcome or prevent that tired feeling. This has been the experience of thousands. It will be yours if you take

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America's Greatest Medicine. Sold by all druggists. $1.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

ELY'S CREAM BALM is a positive cure. Apply into the nostrils. It is quickly absorbed. 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; samples 10c. by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York City.

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A useful charity called the London spectacle mission provides spectacles for needlewomen and other deserving persons dependent on their eyesight for a living. Last year 726 applicants were provided with spectacles.

It is probably not a very well known fact that the shedding of tears keeps the eyes cool. Such is the case, however, and no matter how hot the head may be, so long as there are tears the eyes will be cool.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Large bottles 50 cents and $1.00.

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My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with great relief, and I can recommend it as a splendid liniment for rheumatism and other household use for which we have found it valuable.—W. J. CUYLER. Red Creek, N. Y.

Mr. Cuyler is one of the leading merchants of this village and one of the most prominent men in this vicinity.—W. G AHIPPIN, Editor Red Creek Herald. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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Wholesale Prices Current.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5¾	@	6¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5¾
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 30
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	45	@	48
Virginia Meal	45	@	48
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE ℔ ℔			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	13	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	9	@	10
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel		@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 90
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	48
Car load, in bags—White	46	@	47
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	60
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	12
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	6½	@	7
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 40	@	1 50
ORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 00	@	11 50
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 192 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	3 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5½
Standard A		@	5½
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4½
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	5 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	4
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	13

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, April 8.

Holiday; no quotations.

Quotations same day last year:—Spirits turpentine steady, 27½, 26¾c; rosin steady, $1.45, 1.50; tar firm, 95 cents; crude turpentine quiet, $1.30, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	2
Rosin	572
Tar	30
Crude turpentine	0

Receipts same day last year.—24 casks spirits turpentine, 215 bbls rosin, 132 bbls tar, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Holiday; no quotations.

Same day last year, middling 7c.

Receipts—10 bales; same day last year, 69.

COUNTRY PRODUCE

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 40 to 50c per bushel of 28 pounds; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½ to 50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00 to 1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six-inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

WEEKLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

For week ended April 8, 1898.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
1,074	126	2,623	1,269	3

RECEIPTS.

For week ended April 9, 1897.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
253	351	2,302	1,544	55

EXPORTS.

For week ended April 8, 1898.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	25	945	12	825	43
Foreign	00	000	00	000	00
	25	246	12	825	43

EXPORTS.

For week ended April 9, 1897.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	435	359	434	1,653	39
Foreign	6,550	6	000	000	00
	6,985	365	434	1,653	39

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat April 8, 1898.

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Total.
Cotton	5,811	8,291	14,102
Spirits	93	3	96
Rosin	31,731	1,814	33,545
Tar	6,932	740	7,672
Crude	50	00	50

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat April 9, 1897.

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Crude.
Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.
5,447	131	21,127	4,475

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Money on call was firm at 2@3 per cent.; last loan at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, actual business in bankers' bills 483½@483½ for demand; 480@480¼ for sixty days. Posted rates 480½@481 and 484@484½. Commercial bills were 479¼. Silver certificates 55¾@56½. Bar silver 55¼. Mexican dollars 45. Government bonds were quoted weak; U. S. new 4's registered 120¾@121½; do. coupon, 121 @121½; U. S. 4's 108½@109½; do. coupon, 110½@111½; U. S. 2's, 97; U. S. 5's, registered, 111¼@112½; do. 5's, coupon, 111@112½. State bonds dull; N. C. 6's 122½; 4's 100.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Rosin was steady. Spirits turpentine quiet at 31¼@31¾c.

CHARLESTON, April 8.—Spirits turpentine firm at 28½c; no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, April 8.—Spirits turpentine firm at 26¾c, with sales of 283 casks; closed firm at 26½c bid; receipts 910 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 1,066 barrels; receipts 9,750 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Speculation in cotton futures was at a standstill today, even the scalping element finding nothing in news at hand from which to base an opinion. From start to finish the

AN OPEN LETTER
To MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, *of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of* "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," *the same that has borne and does now* Chas. H. Fletcher *on every bear the fac-simile signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *wrapper. This is the original* "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," *which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years.* LOOK CAREFULLY *at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought* Chas. H. Fletcher *on the and has the signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.*

Samuel Pitcher M.D.

March 8, 1897.

Do Not Be Deceived.

Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which *even he* does not know.

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The Seaboard Air Line announces the following Reduced Rates for Special Occasions to take place in May.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Quadrennial Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

Rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 2nd-4th, with final limit May 31st.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

National Order of Elks.

Rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 7th-9th with final limit of fifteen days.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S.

Rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 17th-19th, with final limit to June 4th.

NORFOLK, VA.

Southern Baptist and Auxiliary Conventions.

Rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 2nd-6th, with final limit of fifteen days.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Twentieth of May Celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 16th-19th, and one cent per mile travelled from points within a radius of two hundred miles; tickets on sale 18th-19th with final limit May 23rd.

Reunion of Confederate Veterans.

Rate of one cent per mile travelled, tickets on sale May 18th-19th with final limit May 23rd.

For full information in regard to these rates call on or address any Agent of the Seaboard Air line or write to

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50 Barrels Cider.
100 Cases Star Lye.
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LOVE'S QUESTION.

Shall I awake some day
In loftier and lovelier realms above?
I do not know, but here is life and May,
And love—thy love!

Shall I find some high place
Where sings no mocking bird nor moans no dove?
I do not know. But here I see thy face
And know thy love.

Shall I drift far from thee
And walk alone in undiscovered lands?
I do not know. Beyond is mystery,
But here—thy lips, thy hands!

Oh, let the future take
All the rare joys from which we would not part,
But let me live to sing for thy dear sake,
Sweetheart, sweetheart!

—Atlanta Constitution.

LANGUAGE OF CHILDREN.

Curious Vocabulary of Tots—They Are Inclined to Short Cut Phrases.

A portmanteau word is a word which has another word packed inside it, or, to put it in another way, two words and two ideas are run together, and a compound, which is also a new word, is produced. For example, a girl of under 3 was lately told that she was going abroad, and also that she was going to reach foreign parts by going on board ship. A mere grown up person would have plodded on, using the two phrases side by side. But at 2¾ the mind is too alert for these dull ways, and a portmanteau word was soon produced. "When am I going abroadships?" became a half hourly question. How much more expressive and how much less long than "When am I going abroad on board ship?" Both the new and important ideas of foreign travel and sea voyage are covered over by that "one narrow word," "abroadships." There is, of course, nothing the least remarkable in such a compound. Every nursery can furnish examples of new words which often display far more euphony and also far better logic than the dreadful words produced by the men of science as labels for their new discoveries in the regions of applied chemistry.

The speech of children shows also a wonderful quickness and resource in the matter of supplying the language with direct phrases and forms of speech. While the grown ups are content to walk around, the child takes a verbal short cut. Children are very seldom content with such roundabout devices as "Had not I better" do this or that. "Bettern't I" is the much more direct and much more expressive form adopted in almost all nurseries. Take, again, the word "whobody" to match with "anybody" and "somebody." When the facetious parent remarks, "Somebody's been walking on this flower bed," he may, if his offspring is inclined to ingenuities of language, be answered by the interrogation, "Whobody?" These portmanteau words and short cut phrases show that if children could only be induced to keep up the verbal habits prevalent from 2 to 5 our language might be indefinitely enriched. Unfortunately after 5 or 6 the language of children is apt to become pedantically conventional and correct.—London Spectator.

Royal Marriage by Proxy.

One of the queerest features of court life in Europe is the marriage by proxy of royal personages. There are at the present moment no less than three royal ladies who have been thus wedded—the queen regent of Spain, the dowager queen of Portugal and the ex-queen of Naples. Kings and reigning sovereigns are held to be too important personages to be married anywhere else than in their own dominions. On the other hand, it is held to be infra dignitate for a spinster princess of the blood who is about to blossom forth into a full fledged queen or empress to travel abroad in quest of a consort. In order to meet this difficulty the royal or imperial bridegroom delegates one of the principal nobles of the realm, who goes through the religious and civil portion of the wedding ceremony in the capital of the bride's country on behalf of his master, making the responses for him and tendering his hand, as well as the ring, at the prescribed points of the ceremony. He then accompanies her to his master's dominions, acting as her chief escort. According to the ideas of the church, a ceremony of this kind is sufficiently binding upon the bride and upon the royal bridegroom to render any further ceremony, ecclesiastical or civil, superfluous, and when any additional religious function takes place it usually assumes the form of a "Te Deum" and a solemn benediction, attended by both husband and wife immediately on the arrival of the latter in the capital of her adopted country.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Russian Royal Splendor.

No western imagination can easily conceive an idea of the splendor with which the Russian rulers are habitually surrounded. Chairs and tables of solid silver, ivory thrones ablaze with brilliants and sapphires, walls of amber and floors of mother of pearl. These things sound like an eastern fable, but the czar has them all. At Moscow, in the great palace within the sacred Kremlin walls, there are not only crowns, orbs and scepters covered with diamonds, but also saddles, stirrups and sets of harness covered with similar gems. There are hundreds of swords, daggers and scimeters the sheaths of which are literally masses of pearls, rubies and turquoises. Rare tapestries, marvelous china from Sevres and Japan, flawless gems from Asia, priceless antique manuscripts and jeweled book covers—these are a few of the objects scattered about the czar's 19 palaces with a royal prodigality.—Pearson's Weekly.

Hairbrushes.

The brush trade is full of deceptions. An experienced hand will by touch tell if a broom or brush be all hair or a mixture. But, if ever in doubt, pull out or cut off a suspicious hair and apply a match. However well doctored, the deception will be shown at once. Hairs will burn, rolling up ball-like, with the well known smell of burned hair, while a vegetable substitute will consume, leaving the charred portion like a burned match.

INDIAN JUSTICE.

How Some Penobscot Indians Fitted the Punishment to the Crime.

"According to the books that I studied when a boy," began an oldish man at the club the other night, "the Indians looked down on their wives and made them simply beasts of burden. That may have been so in some places, but it wasn't always so or so everywhere.

"A good many years ago there were some Penobscot Indians near my people's place in New Hampshire who evidently thought a good deal of their squaws and made one of the bucks appreciate the fact that his wife was not a beast of burden. This buck went on what we now call a bat and got drunk—'drank too much occapee, and cheepie (devil) got in him.' When he came home, he was in a bad humor, and finding his wife in his way he stuck her feet in the fire and burned them off.

"The other Indians discovered this very promptly and tried him by a very summary process. The general opinion was that he should be executed at once, but one of the elder bucks interposed and gave this advice: 'No shoot him. Make him live long as squaw live. Him carry squaw when she want walk. When squaw die bimeby, then we shoot.'

"This advice appealed to the other men, and they decided to punish the buck as the old chief suggested. So the buck carried his wife around on his back whenever the tribe moved, whenever she wanted to go any place. So far as I learned, she did not hesitate about moving around. Of course the buck hated to carry her, but the beauty of the arrangement was that he didn't dare to ill treat her, much less to kill her, because his life depended on hers. If she died, he knew the tribe would kill him.

"I don't know how long this punishment lasted, who died first, or if after her death he was pardoned or executed. If those Indians didn't make the punishment fit the crime, I don't know who did. Not Gilbert's 'Mikado,' at any rate."—New York Sun.

BUSINESS LETTERS.

What to Do When You Write One That You Think Is Smart.

Never write a letter that leaves a sting.

There is a great temptation to say smart things in a letter. They sound so nice to you when your typewritist leaves the completed letter on your desk.

But how do they sound to the other fellow? All the smartness has oozed out before the missive has reached him. Only the ugly brutality remains.

Read the letter over. Chuckle over it. Admire it and yourself. Read it to your clerk, to the office boy, to the cat, if you must show it to some one.

Then tear it up and write another.

State your case as fully as you wish and as strongly as it will stand. You can do all that and still be polite and friendly. Make no threats. Use no taunts. Keep out bravado and bluster. Don't be an ass.

These suggestions have a special significance in connection with dunning letters.

I know a chap who composed a model letter of this kind. He got more money in the next mail than a dozen collection agencies could have secured.

His letter ran something like this: "In times of trouble one turns naturally to his best friends first. We send you the inclosed statement in the same spirit as the New Jerseyman showed toward Bill Nye. When Nye asked him indignantly, 'Why do you charge me $1 for a sandwich?' the Jerseyman answered candidly, 'Well, the fact is, I need the money?' That is our only excuse for troubling you."

One correspondent sent a check and said: "I take off my hat to you. I send you remittance not because we have the money to spare or that your claims are greater than those of our other creditors, but because you are the best dunner I have ever seen. I have been at it 20 years, but I take off my hat to you."—Hardware.

The Luxury of Rubber Tires.

One of the most triumphant luxuries of recent device is the rubber tire on carriage wheels. A luxury triumphs when its absence betokens antiquity and decay. Even a public cab in New York which has not rubber tires looks ancient and second rate, and no amount of fresh varnish will make it contemporaneous or restore its standing. The rubber tire is the next best thing to continuous asphalt pavements on streets which carriages frequent. A good deal of nonsense is written and printed about the prospective elimination of the horse from the landscape of cities. It is true that the hoofs of the horse are not well adapted for continuous use on asphalt, and it seems also to be true that nothing better than asphalt has been discovered for paving. If a new species of animal could be invented that was better suited than the horse for hauling carriages on asphalt, the horse might be crowded out, but there is no prospect of the discovery of such a beast. The camel has a foot which would doubtless take good hold of a hard, smooth surface, but camels are not pretty, and a camel hauling a broughâm up Fifth avenue would probably excite derision. Very likely the steam or electric carriage will have some vogue, but it is an ugly vehicle and probably never can compete in style with the carriage that is hauled by horses.—Harper's Weekly.

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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:30 a. m., leaves Weldon 11:35 a. m., Raleigh 2:34 p. m., Sanford 5:03 p. m., Hamlet 6:35 p. m., Rockingham 7:30 p. m., Wadesboro 8:11 p. m., Monroe 9:12 p. m., Charlotte 10:25 p. m., Athens 3:45 a. m., and Atlanta 5:30 a. m. Connects at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

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Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:15a. m. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 a. m., Maxton 9.05 a. m., Pembroke 9:31 a. m., Lumberton 9:53 a. m., Wilmington 12.05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

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Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 18 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 25 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 17 P. M
Leave Climax	12 45 "
Leave Sanford	3 26 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 55 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4. DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 30 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No 16. Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 55 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.35 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 a. m., Warsaw 11.15 a. m., Goldsboro 12.05 a. m., Wilson 12.55 p. m., Rocky Mount 1.37 p. m., Tarboro 2.31 p. m., Weldon 4.33 p. m., Petersburg 6.22 p. m., Richmond 7.15 p. m., Norfolk 5.55 p. m. Washington 11.20 p. m., Baltimore 1.06 a. m., Philadelphia 3.50 a. m., New York 6.53 a. m., †Boston 8.00 p. m.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p. m., Warsaw 9.10 p. m., Goldsboro 10.10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 6.45 a. m., Rocky Mount 11.37 p. m., Weldon 1.42 a. m., †Norfolk 10.20 a. m., Petersburg 2.14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7.41 a. m., Baltimore 9.03 a. m., Philadelphia 11.25 a. m., New York 2.08 p. m., Boston 9.00 p. m.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 p. m., Newbern 5.40 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. — No. 85—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p. m., Chadbourn 5.41 p. m., Marion 6.43 p. m., Florence 7.25 p. m., Sumter 9.10 p. m., Columbia 10.20 p. m., Denmark 8.12 a. m., Augusta 7.55 a. m., Macon 11.15 a. m., Atlanta 12.25 p. m., Charleston 10.50 p. m., Savannah 1.20 a. m., Jacksonville 7.30 a. m., St. Augustine 10.30 a. m., Tampa 5.25 p. m.

ARRIALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.00 p. m., *New York 9.00 p. m., Philadelphia 12.05 a. m., Baltimore 2.50 a. m., Washington 4.30 a. m., Richmond 7.05 a. m., Petersburg 10.00 a. m., Norfolk 9.00 a. m., Weldon 11.55 a. m., Tarboro 12.31 p. m., Rocky Mount 1.15 p. m., Wilson 2.37 p. m., Goldsboro 3.30 p. m., Warsaw 4.11 p. m., Magnolia 4.34 p. m.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a. m., Philadelphia 12.09 p. m., Baltimore 2.25 p. m., Washington 3.46 p. m., Richmond 7.30 p. m., Petersburg 8.12 p. m., †Norfolk 2.30 p. m., Weldon 9.43 p. m., †Tarboro 6.00 p m., Rocky Mount 5.40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6.22 a. m., Goldsboro 7.01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8.05 a. m.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 a. m., Jacksonville 10.26 a. m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 a. m., Sanford 3.27 p. m., Jacksonville 7.40 p. m., Savannah 1.45 a. m., Charleston 6.53 a. m., Columbia 6.45 a. m., Atlanta 8.30 a. m., Macon 9.00 a. m., Augusta 3.00 p. m., Denmark 4.47 p. m., Sumter 8.12 a. m., Florence 9.58 a. m., Marion 10.36 a. m., Chadbourn 11.38 a m., Lake Waccamaw 12.09 p. m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 p. m., Halifax 4.30 p. m.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p. m., Greenville 6.57 p. m., Kinston 7.55 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 a. m., Greenville 8.52 a. m.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 a. m., Weldon 11.38 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 a. m. and 2.30 p. m.; arrive Parmele 9.10 a. m. and 4.00 p. m.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 a. m. and 6.30 p. m.; arrives Washington 11.00 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p. m.; Sunday, 4.15 p. m.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 p. m. and 6.10 p. m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 a. m. and Sunday 9.00 a. m.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 a. m. and 11.00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a. m.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 a. m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 a. m.; arrive Goldsboro 10.25 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p. m.; arrives Nashville 5.05 p. m., Spring Hope 5.30 p. m. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 a. m., Nashville 8.35 a. m.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 9

SOME STARTLING DISCLOSURES

Regarding the Conspiracy to Blow Up Battleship Maine at Havana.

GENERAL LEE WILL TESTIFY

Before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations—Conclusive Evidence That the Mine Was Fired from Shore Electrical Connection.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Representative Lorrimer, of Illinois, is authority for the statement that General Lee will make some startling disclosures before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations when he arrives here, regarding the conspiracy to blow up the Maine. It was announced yesterday that General Lee would be called before the committee, but the nature of the testimony expected from him was not disclosed. "I understand that General Lee is to supply the missing link in the testimony," said Mr. Lorrimer. "My information is that Captain Sigsbee is in possession of the facts, but does not feel at liberty to give them until the person who gave them to him released him from the secrecy imposed. That person, I understand, is guilty. It is said that the information General Lee is expected to testify to relates to the extinguishment of the electric lights in Havana at the instant of the blowing up of the Maine. Electrical experts have said that if the lights went out in Havana at the time of the explosion it would be conclusive evidence that the mine under the Maine must have been fired from a shore electrical connection. Captain Sigsbee, before the Foreign Relations Committee, said he had information that the lights had gone out, but did not think it advisable to give the name of his informant while he was in Cuba. His informant is said to be General Lee."

S. C. MILITARY ACADEMY.

Sixty-four Cadets Expelled for Insubordination and Rebellion.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 8.—The board of visitors of the South Carolina Military Academy to-day expelled the sixty-four cadets who participated in the rebellion which took place at the Academy on the third of April. The cadets had become incensed at the conduct of Cadet Canty, who had reported men for breaking barracks when he was not on duty, and they resolved to force him out of the institution. A letter was first sent to Canty's father asking for his withdrawal, and when this failed of effect the boys signed a pledge to resort to violence if necessary in expelling Canty. They attempted to carry out their designs on the night of April 3rd, when they were met and opposed by the superintendent and commandant, the latter Lieutenant McDonald, U. S. A., and broke into open rebellion. They refused to obey orders and rioted around the building all night, the police having to be called in.

A meeting of the board of visitors was called at once and has been in session for several days. The order of expulsion gave the cadets two hours in which to leave the building. The boys belong to many of the most prominent families of the State. The order sent from the academy two-thirds of its students. The institution is under the management of the State, and the action of the young men is everywhere greatly deplored.

ARRIVED AT JAMAICA.

U. S. Consul at Santiago De Cuba—American Interests in Care of the British Consul.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

KINGSTON, JA., April 8.—The steamer Brookline arrived at Port Antonio this morning from the city of Santiago de Cuba, having on board the U. S. consul, Pulaski F. Hyatt, the staff of the consulate and twenty-five Americans, children included. All was quiet at Santiago when the Brookline left that port. There are three small Spanish warships there and the entrance of the harbor is protected by torpedoes. American interests at Santiago de Cuba have been left in care of the British consul. Mr. Hyatt has not determined whether he will go to Boston, or stop in quarantine at Port Antonio.

The steamer Brookline was released from quarantine after a few hours' observation.

Mr. Hyatt said: "I left under instructions from the department that I was not to interpret the withdrawal as precedent to a declaration of war; and I am to remain in Jamaica under instructions to be received. Personally, I assume that the situation in Cuba is grave. Santiago, however, is quiet, and very much the same as it has been for the last two years. The insurgents are greatly inspired by the probability of American intervention."

Bristow Graham, colored, was hanged in the county jail at Savannah, Ga., yesterday. He killed Ben Wilson, another colored man, on December 19th, 1896.

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Unless Spain Yields to Demands the United States by Force of Arms Will Move on Havana—Naval Officers Assigned to Duty.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Good Friday passed in Washington with not a ripple on the surface, either at the White House or the capitol, to show that the United States is on the brink of war. Both houses of Congress had adjourned until Monday and at the Executive mansion there was no rush of eager and excited public men. At only the War and Navy Departments were there signs of an impending conflict in the rush of immediate orders to a host of naval officers to report at once for duty on vessels to which they were assigned, and in conferences among bureau chiefs on details of war preparations. And yet the resolve was firmer than ever that unless Spain yielded to America's Cuban demands the United States by force of arms would move on Havana. There was still some discussion of Cuban affairs which revolved around two propositions—namely, intervention without recognition of independence of the Cuban insurgents and intervention with concurrent recognition of the independence of the present insurgent government of Cuba. Some hovered between these two propositions and favored a compromise. There was no definite lead by which it could be stated with anything like authoritativeness which course would be adopted, but the unsettled state of public opinion on the matter indicated that even in this for the next few days, the strength of the arguments of the forthcoming Presidential message, or a distinct utterance from our Consul General to Cuba might be strong enough to incline the balance to either course.

The cabinet held its usual Friday session, but its meeting brought no change in the Spanish situation. Indeed, it was chiefly significant in establishing that no change had occurred, that none was expected, and that the programme of action on the part of the United States government was already made up.

The President's Message

remains unaltered, and this being the last cabinet day before the message will go to Congress, alterations are unlikely between now and Monday, barring altogether unexpected developments from Madrid. After the meeting of the cabinet the officers stated that the message would be sent in on Monday, no change in any respect having been considered, and all causes for delay having been removed. The feeling that an end had come to diplomatic talk, and that action alone remained, was shared in all quarters, including the foreign embassies and legations, where the ambassadors and ministers expressed the feeling that all has been done in Washington that can or will be done in the cause of peace. What is going on at Madrid gives slight hope of such concessions there as will alter the present situation. There are

No Negotiations

in the sense of exchanges on pending propositions. Both parties apparently have said their last word concerning the respective propositions. Certainly this is true as to the United States, and there were no evidences to-day that the Spanish government would recede. It is even doubtful whether a concession of an armistice by Spain would be sufficient at this late moment to turn the situation into peaceful channels.

Entire quiet has prevailed there up to this time. The United States Consul at Porto Rico is also preparing to leave. No instructions, it is stated definitely, have been sent to

Minister Woodford

concerning his withdrawal from Madrid, that being left to his discretion. The prospects of his withdrawal have been fully considered, however, and there is reason to believe that in the event of his retirement the British ambassador at Madrid will look after American interests and afford protection to such Americans as remain in Spain. This, it is stated in an authoritative quarter, is part of a comity between the United States and Great Britain, and reciprocal of action of the United States Government in affording protection to British subjects on a former occasion. The Spanish Minister at Washington has received no instructions as to his departure, nor has he made preparations to go, although his establishment is in such a condition that he can leave in a few hours after receiving orders from his government to depart.

As an evidence of the complete cessation of negotiation it can be cited that to-day showed the seventh consecutive day since the Spanish minister called at the State Department.

Naval and war preparations are proceeding systematically, but the larger details of preparations have been shaped and there is little more than to see these regularly executed. While there are many naval movements, there has not yet been any decisive order affecting the movement of the fleets.

A report was current to-day that the Spanish fleet of cruisers had sailed from Cadiz for American waters. There was no confirmation of this either at the Spanish legation or at the Navy Department.

At the Capitol

the Senators who are devoting themselves to the task of securing a resolution on the Cuban question on which practical unanimity on the part of the Senate can be obtained, were quite active, and when the day closed felt that they had made appreciable progress. There was a joint meeting of the leading members of the steering committees of the various parties during the day in the rooms of the Committee on Appropriations, in which the whole situation was canvassed.

The movement to consider the whole Cuban question in executive session is gaining ground. The Senators who have looked up the precedents find the only parallel case to the present one to be that when war was declared against Great Britain in 1812, when the declaration was considered in secret session.

To-night the conservative Senators who are opposing any recognition of the present Cuban government claim that a majority of the committee on Foreign Relations will now support this position, contenting themselves with a general declaration for the freedom and independence of the island, coupled with a proposition for intervention in the present war between Spain and Cuba. They count upon getting the votes of six of the eleven members of the committee and say this number may still be increased.

AFFAIRS AT KEY WEST.

Precautions in Watching In-Coming Vessels Redoubled—The Puritan Joins the Terror and the Amphitrite.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., April 8.—The day here has been one of expectancy and conjecture. There have been no advices from Washington indicating any change in the situation, and the little remaining preparations have gone on with incessant vigor.

Apart from the arrival of the Mangrove from Havana and the monitor Amphitrite from Port Royal, S. C., the only incident of the day was of a trivial character. Chief gunner's mate Johnson, of the gunboat Newport, while making an examination of the ship's bottom met with sudden death from asphyxiation. The exact cause is unknown, but it is thought the air-pipe became entangled in some way.

The Detroit steamed out for patrol duty to-night with deck rails swung down, netting spread to catch splinters, and everything bare for a leaden hail. The precautions in watching incoming vessels were redoubled. The Puritan passed the Detroit as she proceeded to her station at the Havana entrance to the harbor. The usual courtesies were exchanged. There was not a naval officer but breathed easier when the monitor joined her smaller sisters, the Terror and the Amphitrite.

A navigation lieutenant on board of one of the larger ships as he looked through his glasses at these formidable craft said to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "Those three floating forts could, by themselves, whip the whole Spanish navy."

The Blockade of Havana.

When knowledge of the plan of blockade of Havana, as reported in these dispatches last night, spread through the fleet to-day, no end of discussion ensued. The general impression is that the men on the torpedoes would stand but little chance of ever coming out of an engagement alive. This view was thoroughly confirmed by the torpedo boat men themselves, and the matter-of-fact way in which they discussed their chances was a striking illustration of American pluck and of indifference to death in their country's cause.

Intense enthusiasm reigns among officers and men alike. The movement upon Havana is eagerly looked forward to, and is thought to be certain to occur, beginning next week, unless Spain backs down completely. In spirit and in preparation Captain Sampson's squadron is ready to fight and on all sides the complaint is heard that the expected opposition is of such poor calibre. While it may be truthfully said that there is very little sympathy for the Cubans themselves among the officers, this long period of suspense and uncertainty, following the Maine disaster, has wrought them up to an unequalled pitch of excitement.

The Steamer Olivette,

from Tampa, with her passengers, lay to eight miles from shore this afternoon. There was considerable excitement over the report that she was aground. The agents here said that she was at anchor awaiting high tide and would soon proceed to Havana on her regular trip. Up to midnight she still lay off shore and had not landed mail or passengers.

AMERICANS AT MATANZAS.

Grossly Insulted by Spaniards Because They Brought Relief Supplies for Suffering Cubans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—A New Orleans special to the *Post* says: "The steamer Utstein arrived at Port Eads this morning from Matanzas. On board were Messrs. Curtis and Richardson, of the Kansas City *Star*, who represented Kansas City in the distribution of six hundred tons of relief supplies to suffering reconcentrados. On Monday the supplies were landed, but only with great difficulty and amid the abuse and insults of the Spanish populace. The presence of the food distributors in Matanzas created such intense excitement and bitterness that a riot was imminent to such a point that both the British and American consuls advised the two newspaper men to return on board the Utstein for safety. They were followed from their hotel to the landing by a howling mob, who hissed, spat upon and otherwise insulted the Americans, crowded in front of them, jostled them and at one time threatened to push them bodily into the bay. The Utstein is now at the quarantine station at the mouth of the river and will be subjected to three days' detention by the health officers.

In spite of the fact that the Spanish government, through Washington, had promised an unhindered entrance and to facilitate in every possible manner the unloading of the stores for the starving, it was not until after much difficulty and delay that the ship was permitted to enter and discharge her cargo. The greatest suspicion was entertained, or feigned to be entertained by the Spanish officials, who inspected the entire cargo of provisions with the utmost scrutiny and greatest consumption of time.

Mr. Richardson and Mr. Curtis tell a story of fearful suffering in the city. They had a very exciting experience. Leaving the vessel on arriving, they went into the city and registered at a hotel. It was not long before the Spanish found it out, and their identity being discovered every evidence of possible violence was manifested. Both the American and British consuls insisted that they go back to the vessel as quickly as possible and remain on board.

Mr. Richardson expressed the conviction that American life is extremely unsafe in this section of the island.

RAILROAD FREIGHT RATES.

Must be Changed to Conform to a Recent Decision of the United States Supreme Court.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, April 8.—Henry C. Ewing, clerk of the United States Court, this morning received a letter from A. H. Shaver, counsel of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, stating that, owing to an opinion of the U. S. Supreme Court, delivered during the last few days, the decision of United States Judge Severens, rendered a short time ago to the effect that the freight rates from the East to Chattanooga must be as low as those to Nashville is effective at once. According to this all freight rates from the East to the South must be changed at once as the roads are in contempt every day they allow the rates to operate.

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SPANISH CABINET IS STILL DEFIANT.

The British Flag Floats Over the United States Legation at Madrid.

INTERVENTION CONCLUDED.

Sagesta Says the Government Has No Intention of Opening Further Negotiations—That It Is Useless to Attempt a Compromise.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, April 8.—Morning—A much calmer feeling prevails here to-day, reflecting the newspaper utterances and various published versions of the cabinet meeting of last evening.

The ministers at yesterday's cabinet council, considered General Woodford's withdrawal note, the collective action of the Powers, the warlike preparations, and, it is alleged, something else which has not yet transpired.

Spain, at present, being according to the official point of view, a spectator, and not an agent to the negotiations, it is intimated that the secret matter refers to something officially formulated by the Pope.

A cabinet minister, in an interview on the present situation, is quoted as saying: "All the ministers have sunk their individual opinions, and are working unanimously in the interests of the country. It is entirely useless to attempt to arrange a compromise in the face of the attitude of America, which has decided to seek a rupture at any cost. The Spanish government would weaken itself by concessions antagonistic to public sentiment. Neither the government nor the country desire war, but the government must save Spain's honor."

If War is Declared.

NOON.—Gen. Correo, the Spanish Minister for War, in his interview of yesterday, said: "Spain must not be alarmed, if war is declared, at the sinking of a Spanish warship. What we must at all cost avoid is a Spanish warship striking her colors to the American flag. She should rather explode her magazines. I wish to God Spain had not a warship from Cuba to the Peninsula. We could then say to America, 'We are here! Meet us when you please.'"

General Woodford.

4.45 P. M.—Gen. Woodford has sent a cable message to Washington setting forth that the publication of his statement yesterday has done good in Madrid and will do good throughout Spain, but the end is still very doubtful. The General is working from a sense of duty, rather than with strong faith in success. The basis of what hope is left rests upon the evident fact that the sober sense of Spain is slowly coming to the front, and that in a few days, (if a few days can still be had) we shall see "a crystallization of public sentiment that will sustain the present Spanish government, if it has the courage to do at at once the things that are necessary for peace."

5 P. M.—A dispatch from Washington, just received, says no negotiations have been initiated there and that none will be undertaken abroad, except through Gen. Woodford, who is instructed to negotiate only on the basis of the note presented at the recent conference, namely, the immediate cessation of hostilities and the furnishing of aid to the reconcentrados.

Spain's Reply to the Pope.

With reference to the above, Senor Sagasta says the Spanish government has no intention of opening further negotiations. The Spanish government to-day remitted to Rome its full reply to the Pope's suggestion of an armistice.

5.15 P. M.—The streets were more crowded to-day than yesterday, large numbers of people gathering to witness the religious procession, which is one of the features of Good Friday. It passed near the United States legation, in which vicinity the crowds were the most dense, but there was no demonstration. In fact, perfect order prevails everywhere.

A decree establishing a national naval subscription has been drawn up; the name of the Queen Regent appears at the head of the subscription list.

The minister for the colonies, Senor Moret, is indisposed. On account of his indisposition, which is said to be the result of a cold, there was no cabinet council to-day; but, it is expected that a meeting of the ministers will be held to-morrow to deal with Washington dispatches which are hourly awaited.

5.30 P. M.—The *Liberal* this evening says the government has decided to send a note to the Pope, thanking him for his good offices, and begging him to persevere. "But," the *Liberal* adds, "the government does not pledge itself to accept the papal decision."

The *Heraldo* will say: Spain remains in the same state of expectation and uncertainty as yesterday. It is impossible yet to give a definite opinion respecting the Pope's mediation and the intervention of the great Powers.

6.30 P. M.—The political barometer has taken another upward turn. The Aourse to-day showed an advance of three points in response to London and Paris, and the general talk of the town is peaceful.

The attitude of England at Washington is much approved, as she had hitherto been regarded as siding unreservedly with America.

So far as information yet obtainable goes, the Powers have not addressed a collective note to Spain similar to that presented at Washington, although it is known that their representatives here have long been working with the Spanish government to secure peace.

Upon receipt of the dispatch from Senor Polo y Bernabe denying the report that the Spanish legation at Washington had been attacked, an official denial was issued to the public. Much indignation was expressed, even among Spaniards, at the sensational attempt to excite the crowd.

Press censorship has now almost reached prohibition. Impartial news sent to the Associated Press, news also obtained in many instances direct from the Spanish government, meet with the same fate as the most rabid jingo dispatches. Twenty-four hours after filing, the fatal "sin curso" order reached the correspondent.

Opposition to the Armistice.

MADRID, via Paris, April 8.—The main opposition to the armistice in Cuba, which was suggested by the Queen Regent and the minister for the colonies, Senor Moret, came from the ministers of war and marine, General Correl and Admiral Bermejo. If Senor Sagasta, the premier, had not yielded they would have resigned, and at a critical juncture Spain would have been deprived of the heads for the two principal departments and, it was feared, it would have been impossible to replace these ministers, in view of the present temper of the army and navy.

Papal Intervention.

10:15 P. M.—The ministers continue their reserve respecting yesterday's cabinet council. But it is believed to have been occupied principally with a telegram from Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary of State, relative to papal action.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that the discussion was very animated between those favoring and those opposed to further attempts at mediation or negotiation. Senor Moret, secretary for the colonies, energetically sustained his conciliatory views and was listened to with great attention.

The council terminated, after agreeing as to the draft of the response to be sent to Cardinal Rampolla. To-night the papal nuncio called upon Senor Sagasta and received from him the reply decided upon.

11 P. M.—Senor Gullon, the foreign minister, has held several conferences with the ambassadors of the Powers. Rumors having been circulated that the failure of the Pope's efforts was owing to the attitude of the United States, the nunciature here has issued the following note:

"The nunciature has to-day higher hopes than ever of the success of papal intervention. It is not true that President McKinley has rejected the Pope's intervention in favor of peace. Such impoliteness would be the more impolitic, not only because it would display a barbarous intolerance, but because, however much any person might be the Pope's enemy, it would be impossible to misinterpret the voice of the venerable old man who recommends the preservation of peace. On the other hand the Catholics of North America would never pardon such a disregard of the vicar-general of their church."

The general tone of the evening papers is one of satisfaction with the interference of the European Powers, as showing that the latter realize Spain's determined attitude against further concessions to America. Some doubt is expressed, however, as to the result of intervention, lest the European concert repeat the Cretan performance.

El Correo Espanol, the Carlist organ, publishes a letter from the Marquis Cavero, a Carlist General in the last war, addressed to Count Xiquena, minister of public works, offering his services in case of war.

12 P. M.—At this hour there is absolutely no news. The government offices are empty and political circles and places of public resort are deserted, owing to Good Friday.

Gen. Woodford remained at the United States legation until a late hour.

CONCERNING CUBAN BONDS.

Of the $10,000,000 Authorized Only $122,000 Worth Have Been Sold.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Some very interesting facts were developed before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House to-day. The deputy treasurer of the Cuban republic, B. F. Guerra, appeared with his books and they were inspected by the committee. He explained that of the $10,000,000 bonds authorized, only $122,000 had been actually disposed of. Some of these were in payment of provisions sent to Cuba. For some of the bonds par had been obtained. These were taken mainly by the friends of Cuba. The lowest price at which any were sold was 25 cents on the dollar; a batch of $20,000 were sold for $5,000 in a pressing emergency. One million of the bonds, he said, were locked up in the safe of Belmont & Co., to be sold when the price fixed, 45 cents on the dollar, had been obtained. Three million of the remainder had been signed, but were locked up in the treasurer's vaults.

WAR REVENUE MEASURE

To be Introduced in Congress Immediately Upon the Opening of Hostilities With Spain.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The members of the Ways and Means Committee of the House are busily engaged with the Treasury officials in the work preliminary to the drafting of a war revenue measure to be introduced in Congress immediately upon the opening of hostilities with Spain. An increase in the internal revenue tax on beer from $1 to $2 a barrel and a large increase in the tax on manufactured tobacco, including cigars and cigarettes, has been practically agreed upon. Bank checks, bills of exchange, drafts, deeds, mortgages and other papers of this class, patent medicines and nostrums, in all probability will also be added to the list.

A rough estimate of the receipts to be derived from these sources is that the increase on these articles alone will approximate, if not exceed, $100,000,000 a year.

A bill providing for a temporary loan of $100,000,000 and a permanent loan of from $300,000,000 to $500,000,000 at 3 per cent. payable in coin, has been prepared by the Ways and Means committee and will be immediately introduced in case of war.

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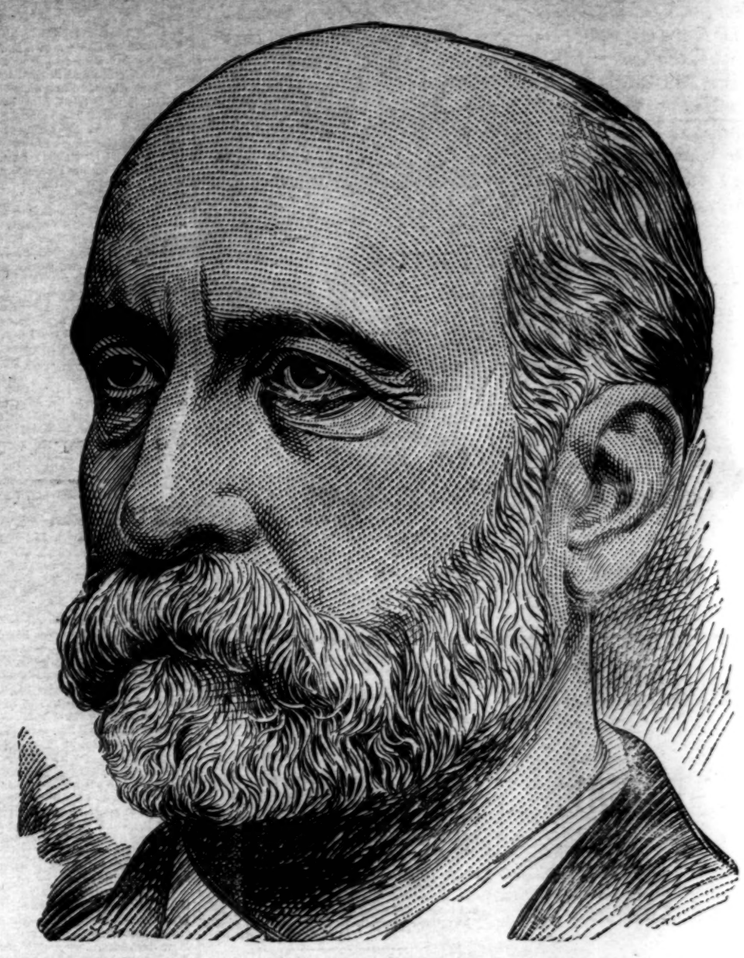

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BUSINESS LESS ACTIVE.

A Quieting of Demand for Staple Goods—Fairly Good Trade Reported at the South.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Bradstreets to-morrow will say: A sensible quieting of demand for staple goods is perceptible in the various detailed trade reports coming to hand this week. At the East the drift of matters affecting our foreign relations has been such as to discourage new business, but this tendency has been consideraby accentuated by untimely cold weather, which has checked the usual Easter demand to a considerable extent. Reports from the West are that the heavy rush of spring business is about over and that orders coming in now are of a filling-in character. Here again reports of unseasonable weather are met with. A fairly good business is reported at the South but a slight check to our export trade is reported, growing out of the raising of freight and insurance rates consequent on the disturbed foreign outlook. Frost is reported to have done considerable damage to the peach and other fruit crops of the South, and to early planted tobacco. A fairly satisfactory trade is reported at the Northwest. Lake navigation is now open, and anticipations are that a prosperous year's business will be done.

Rather less activity is noted in most of the country's great staples. Cotton goods have moved fairly well, ginghams especially being in excellent demand, and except for low grade cottons, notably print cloths, which have made a new low price record of 2 cents per yard this week, the situation is as favorable as could be expected. Wool is dull, reflecting uncertainty as to future business and unsatisfactory margins of profit.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, April 8th, 1898.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending April 8:

	1898.	1897.
Net receipts at all U. S ports during the week	76,194	44,954
Total receipts to this date	7,976,105	6,286,491
Exports for week	147,778	74,082
Total exports to date	6,273,802	5,124,201
Stock in all U. S. ports	766,668	647,802
Stock at all interior towns	372,179	221,577
Stock in Liverpool,	1,219,000	1,273,000
American afloat for Great Britain	161,000	80,000

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REFUGEES FROM HAVANA

Report Difficulty in Securing Passports. Volunteers Verging Upon Revolt Against Americans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April 8.—A special to the *Times-Union and Citizen* from Tampa, Florida, says:

The early trains this afternoon took large crowds to Fort Tampa, nine miles away, to witness the arrival of the refugees from Cuba. Americans, Cubans and Spaniards joined in forming an eager throng.

As the boat drew up to the dock those waiting sent up shouts of welcome to relatives and friends. Then followed a crush for the gangway that almost overcame the officers stationed there. Cries of children mingled with the sobs of women, impressed all with the first serious aspect of war.

One hundred and seventy-eight anxious souls breathed relief as they boarded the awaiting cars. The passengers report having experienced great difficulty in securing passports, owing to Spanish espionage. All able bodied men are drafted, and watchfulness is maintained to prevent them leaving. Those liable to draft in the regulars are joining the volunteer column of Havana, which has swelled within the past few days from 1,500 to 20,000. This they prefer to regular service, which would call them into the fields and take them away from the protecting walls and inviting cafes.

The volunteers are verging upon revolt against the Americans and ultra Spanish.

Ex-United States Consul Albert Brother, of Matanzas, and family were passengers.

President Plant to-day issued notice that upon the return of the steamer Olivette from Havana and the steamer Florida from Mobile these lines would cease until further notice. The Olivette will arrive from Havana on Sunday with Gen. Lee and other Americans.

The Yale University baseball team defeated the Hampton, Va., aggregation by a score of 12 0, in a featureless game.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Wake Forest, N. C., College nine defeated the Atlanta Techs, 12 to 2, in a game of ball.

General Graham, commander of the Department of the Gulf, last night wired the War Department at Washington recommending Atlanta as a point for the mobilization of troops in case of war.

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